

HAMNET BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER 2001 COMPILED AND
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HAMNET BULLETINS AROUND THE COUNTRY

Sunday morning kicks off with Hamnet KZN at 07H15 on their local VHF repeaters with a relay on 7.070Mhz by Wally ZS5WP.

Followed with the national Bulletin on 10,130Mhz in the 30M band with a relay on 7.070Mhz by Martin ZS6MSG. In Gauteng, 145,700Mhz is also used for a local transmission. The time is 17h00 local.

Next we have Gauteng North. Their bulletin runs from 18H00 local on 145.725Mhz with a relay on 7.070MHz or 7.090MHz by Rudie ZS6DX depending on jamming interference.

North West Province have a club bulletin on Mondays, which includes a Hamnet segment at 19H00 local on 3,750Mhz in the 80M band as well as their local repeater on 145.737.5Mhz.

Last but not least is Hamnet Western Cape Province with a bulletin on Wednesdays at 20H30 local on 3,674 in the 80M band and on various 2Meter frequencies.

Whatever you missed, please scan the S.A.R.L. Website under the heading "Hamnet News regularly updated", for the latest news or if you are on Packet, it will have been sent to you thanks to Rudie ZS6DX.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY SEASON

All schools break up on the 7th of December. The first of the many weekends where up country residents will be making their way to the coast will most probably start on that afternoon.

Building operations come to an end the following weekend, which also turns out to be a long weekend as December the 16th falls on a Sunday. The Monday automatically becomes a public holiday.

Dates that need our attention for monitoring purposes are the following;

December the 7th and the Saturday following. December the 14th and that whole weekend as Monday the 17th is a public holiday. December the 22nd when probably the balance of the holiday makers will wend their way to distant horizons. From January 1st, all will slowly be working their way home so the weekend of the 4th and the 11th need our attention.

Where possible, some time should be allocated for monitoring the emergency frequency on 7.070MHz. This is still the more popular frequency where people get together for tests and mobile rag chew.

May we again respectfully request that you to keep your transmissions short and leave a reasonable pause for stations to break with traffic.

The 10177 emergency number. I made contact with the powers that be and confirm that this number can dialed countrywide. As explained to me, should you phone this number, it is automatically routed to the nearest emergency point from where the call is made. This may create a problem should you receive a call via 7.070MHz reporting an emergency in the Karoo and you are in Gauteng.

The emergency should still be reported in the normal way, and rerouting will take place from the point at which the call was answered.

Also bear in mind the 112 emergency number which can be dialed from any cellular phone.

Lastly, the Arrive Alive, campaign. From tomorrow, 3rd of December, this campaign will be active in all Provinces. They have advised that they will be giving information to motorists regarding road conditions and alternative routes to avoid road works.

Information on road conditions can be obtained via 2 telephone numbers. The first is a direct line to their headquarters in Pretoria at 012-309.3000 or via a toll free number at 0800-005-619.

Drivers exceeding the speed limit of 120Kph, can expect a spot fine from R700 upward to R1500. Should a motorist be caught exceeding 171kph, immediate arrest will follow and brought before the court to decide the case on merit.

HAMNET SOUTH GAUTENG MEETING

For all Gauteng South members (or any other who would like to attend), there will be a general meeting at the N.A.R.S. H.Q on Tuesday 4th of December at 7pm for 7:30. Sarel Rossouw, ZS6APO is calling this meeting, and all are requested to make an effort to attend. Even if you are not a member of Hamnet or would like to know more of our activities, you are welcome to attend.

I had a landline from Jannie Swanepoel, ZS6ZYM, who would like to get Hamnet up and running in the Vaal triangle area. I have suggested to him to make an effort to attend the above meeting to get acquainted with the whole operation.

COMMUNICATION WHILE DRIVING

This item still rears its head now and again, but for those who listened to the H.Q. bulletin last Sunday, it was stated clearly that the restriction on land mobile vehicles, where such radio equipment is affixed to the vehicle, is still not affected by the cell phone ruling.

I would, however, suggest that when you are driving, be aware that you could get pulled off the road, but be tactful in handling what could be a difficult situation.

Notice 308A, clearly states the exclusion of land mobile vehicles and that 12 month extension has not been withdrawn.

OUTSTANDING QUESTIONNAIRE'S

PLEASE LET ME HAVE THE OUTSTANDING QUESTIONNAIRES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS DELAYING THE ISSUING OF THE NEW I. D. CARD FOR HAMNET MEMBERS. YOU MAY RECALL, YOUR OFFICIAL BAR CODED I. D. NUMBER NOW FORMS PART OF THE NEW CARD AND WE NEED THAT NUMBER BEFORE WE CAN START ISSUING NEW HAMNET I. D. CARDS.

The Questionnaire has also undergone a metamorphosis. It now acts as an Application Form as it contains all the necessary information we need to accurately record information on our Hamnet Database.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

Apart from listening to the various bulletins, should there be news from your area for the main bulletin, please send your contributions to either jans@netdial.co.za or francois@overflow.co.za.

Contributions are always welcome and it also supplements the Sunday get together on 10,130 and 7,070. It also helps to add some spice to the regular Sunday bulletin.

Bulletin Ends